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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM PARIS MAR 14 REPEATED
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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

REF: PARIS 6467, 6466

1. PERMDEL WOULD LIKE EXPRESS VIEWS REGARDING PROGRESS
ON SUBJECT MEETING AS IT HAS PROGRESSED SO FAR.

2. TEXT OF REVISED PROPOSED DRAFT AS AVAILABLE SO FAR HAS
BEEN FORWARDED TO DEPT. BEHRSTOCK ADVISED LATE MARCH 14
THAT FINAL TITLE IS DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
CONCERNING STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDER-
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STANDING BY MASS MEDIA. SALANS HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET MOST

CHANGES RECOMMENDED INCORPORATED INTO TEXT. IN EVENT THIS STILL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO U.S., SEQUENCE WILL LIKELY BE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AS THE MEETING OF PRIVATE EXPERTS DOES NOT REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS, THEIR ONLY AUTHORITY IS TO ISSUE A REPORT TO THE SECRETARIAT. THE REPORT WILL CONTAIN RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE FOR THE PROPOSED DECLARATION.

(B) THE SECRETARIAT WILL CONSIDER THE REPORT AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO GO FORWARD TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WITH A PROPOSED DRAFT DECLARATION.

(C) IF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL DECIDES TO GO FORWARD, A DRAFT WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

4. AS THE PRESENT MEETING IS OF PRIVATE PERSONS, PERMITS OF FRIENDLY NATIONS, NAMELY UK AND CANADA, HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY. WE HAVE POINTEDLY MADE THE U.S. POSITION KNOWN TO THEM. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEITHER THE UK OR CANADIAN DELEGATES AT THE UNESCO END HAVE RECEIVED ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS AND THAT THEIR DELEGATIONS HERE HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN THE PRESENT MEETING. AS FAR AS THE PRIVATE EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED NEITHER THE CANADIAN NOR THE UK REPRESENTATIVE PERSONALLY SEEMS TO SHARE THE U.S. CONCERNS. THE CANADIAN HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT HELPFUL IN FINDING ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE, BUT THE UK PRIVATE EXPERT HAS GENERALLY BEEN AGAINST OUR VIEWS AND FAVORED EVEN STRONGER LANGUAGE THAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

5. BEHRSTOCK, THE DIRECTOR OF THE SECRETARIAT STAFF CHARGED WITH PREPARING THE MEETING AND PRESENTING THE RESULTS TO THE DG, IS AN AMERICAN WHO IS FRIENDLY, CO-OPERATIVE, AND COMPLETELY AWARE OF OUR VIEWS.

6. INDEED, BEHRSTOCK HAS RELAYED TO US SOVIET (KOSOV) EXPERT'S REMARK THAT HE HOPES SALANS WILL NOT EXPRESS RESERVATIONS OR DISSENT FROM UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TOMORROW AT FINAL MEETING AS SOVIET WOULD BE OBLIGED TO COUNTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTACK WITH LONG LIST OF SOOVIET RESERVATIONS RE PRESENT TEXT WHICH THEY FEEL GOES LONG WAY TOWARDS ACCOMMODATING WESTERN AND EXPECIALLY U.S. CONCERNS.

7. AFTER MEETING DG WILL BE FREE TO ACCEPT, REVISE OR REJECT EXPERTS DRAFT. NEAR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN DECISION TO SUBMIT THEIR TEXT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE. GENERAL CONFERENCE CAN OF COURSE ACCEPT,

REJECT OR REWRITE NEW AND VERY LIKELY MORE UNFAVORABLE
TEXT. CURRENT MEETING SUGGESTS WESTERN EUROPE WILL PRO-
BABLY SUPPORT DRAFT ALONG CURRENT LINES.

8. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CAREFULLY VET DECLARATION TEXT,
EXPECIALLY IN LIGHT ABOVE FACTORS. PLEASE ADVISE INSTRU-
CTIONS FOR SALANS IN TIME FOR MORNING SESSION MARCH 15
BEGINNING 10:00 A.M.
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